

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                    1.        A ferromagnetic semiconductor composition, comprising:  
2                    a substrate layer; and  
3                    a ferromagnetic semiconductor epilayer formed on the substrate, said epilayer  
4 defining a plane and having a cubic hard axis;  
5                    wherein a voltage transverse to said cubic hard axis is detectable in response  
6 to an applied current flow along the cubic hard axis.

1                    2.        The composition of claim 1, wherein the application of an in-plane  
2 magnetic field, non-aligned with the cubic hard axis, produces a transition in the transverse  
3 magnetic resistance of the epilayer.

1                    3.        The composition of claim 1, wherein the applied in-plane magnetic  
2 field is sufficiently strong such that the transition is substantially abrupt.

1                    4.        The composition of claim 1, wherein the substrate is a GaAs substrate,  
2 and wherein the epilayer includes Mn doped GaAs ((Ga, Mn)As)).

1                    5.        The composition of claim 4, wherein the concentration ratio of Ga to  
2 Mn in the epilayer is approximately 948 to 52.

1                    6.        The composition of claim 4, wherein the concentration ratio of Ga to  
2 Mn is between approximately 100:1 and 100:8.

1                    7.        The composition of claim 1, wherein the substrate is selected from the  
2 group consisting of GaAs and GaN.

1                    8.        The composition of claim 1, wherein the epilayer is selected from the  
2 group consisting of Mn doped GaAs and Mn doped GaN.

1                    9.        The composition of claim 1, wherein the substrate includes a buffer  
2 layer formed thereon and disposed between the substrate and the epilayer.

1                    10.      The composition of claim 9, wherein the buffer layer includes p-type  
2 GaAs.

- 1                    11.    The composition of claim 10, wherein the p-type GaAs is Be doped  
2    GaAs.
- 1                    12.    The composition of claim 10, wherein the epilayer includes Mn doped  
2    GaAs.
- 1                    13.    The composition of claim 12, wherein the buffer layer is  
2    approximately 300 nm thick and wherein the epilayer is approximately 150 nm thick.
- 1                    14.    The composition of claim 1, wherein the epilayer is between  
2    approximately 10 nm thick and approximately 350 nm thick.
- 1                    15.    The composition of claim 1, wherein the epilayer is formed by  
2    molecular beam epitaxy.
- 1                    16.    A ferromagnetic semiconductor device, comprising:  
2                    a substrate defining a plane;  
3                    a ferromagnetic semiconductor epilayer formed on said substrate, said epilayer  
4    being substantially elongated and oriented along a cubic hard axis; and  
5                    first and second electrical contacts, each contact coupled to an end of the  
6    elongated epilayer, said contacts being configured to provide an electrical current flow along  
7    the hard axis;  
8                    wherein application of an electrical current flow along the hard axis produces  
9    a voltage substantially transverse to said hard axis.
- 1                    17.    The device of claim 16, further including first and second transverse  
2    voltage probes coupled at opposite sides of the elongated epilayer, said first and second  
3    probes being substantially equidistant from an end of the epilayer, wherein said voltage  
4    probes detect said transverse voltage responsive to said current flow.
- 1                    18.    The device of claim 16, further including a plurality of transverse  
2    voltage probe pairs, each pair including a probe coupled at opposite sides of the epilayer,  
3    each pair defining a voltage detection region substantially perpendicular to the cubic hard  
4    axis.

- 1                    19.     The device of claim 16, wherein application of an in-plane magnetic  
2     field, non-aligned with the cubic hard axis, produces a transition in the transverse magnetic  
3     resistance of the epilayer.
- 1                    20.     The device of claim 19, wherein the applied magnetic field is  
2     sufficiently strong such that the transition is substantially abrupt.
- 1                    21.     The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate is a GaAs substrate, and  
2     wherein the epilayer includes Mn doped GaAs ((Ga, Mn)As)).
- 1                    22.     The device of claim 21, wherein the concentration ratio of Ga to Mn in  
2     the epilayer is approximately 948 to 52.
- 1                    23.     The device of claim 21, wherein the concentration ratio of Ga to Mn is  
2     between approximately 100:1 and 100:8.
- 1                    24.     The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate is selected from the  
2     group consisting of GaAs, and Mn doped GaN.
- 1                    25.     The device of claim 16, wherein the epilayer is selected from the group  
2     consisting of Mn doped GaAs and Mn doped GaN.
- 1                    26.     The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate includes a buffer layer  
2     formed thereon and disposed between the substrate and the epilayer.
- 1                    27.     The device of claim 26, wherein the buffer layer includes p-type GaAs.
- 1                    28.     The device of claim 27, wherein the p-type GaAs is Be doped GaAs.
- 1                    29.     The device of claim 27, wherein the epilayer includes Mn doped GaAs.
- 1                    30.     The device of claim 16, wherein the epilayer is between approximately  
2     10 nm thick and approximately 350 nm thick.
- 1                    31.     The device of claim 16, wherein the epilayer is formed by molecular  
2     beam epitaxy.

1                    32.     A method of measuring magnetic domain wall parameters in  
2     ferromagnetic-semiconductor materials, comprising:  
3                    providing a test sample including a ferromagnetic semiconductor epilayer  
4     formed on a substrate, said epilayer being substantially planar and having a cubic hard axis  
5     and being substantially elongated;  
6                    providing a current flow along the cubic hard axis; and  
7                    detecting a transverse voltage in the epilayer responsive to said current flow at  
8     each of a plurality of transverse voltage probe pairs in contact with the epilayer, each pair  
9     having probes in contact with the epilayer on opposite sides relative to the cubic hard axis.

1                    33.     The method of claim 32, further comprising applying an in-plane  
2     magnetic field to the test sample.

1                    34.     The method of claim 33, wherein said applied magnetic field is non-  
2     aligned with the cubic hard axis.

1                    35.     The method of claim 33, wherein the applied field is fixed in  
2     magnitude, and wherein applying includes sweeping the orientation of the magnetic field  
3     relative to the cubic hard axis.

1                    36.     The method of claim 35, wherein sweeping includes sweeping the  
2     magnetic field by  $2\pi$ .

1                    37.     The method of claim 33, further including applying a saturation field to  
2     the test sample before applying the in-plane magnetic field.

1                    38.     The method of claim 34, wherein the applied field is fixed in  
2     orientation relative to the cubic hard axis, and wherein the magnitude of the applied magnetic  
3     field is altered.

1                    39.     The method of claim 32, further including processing the transverse  
2     voltages detected by the transverse voltage probe pairs so as to determine one or more  
3     parameters associated with a magnetic domain wall in the epilayer.

1                    40.     The method of claim 39, wherein the one or more parameters include  
2     one of domain wall velocity and transverse magnetic resistance.

1                   41.     The method of claim 32, wherein the substrate is a GaAs substrate, and  
2 wherein the epilayer includes Mn doped GaAs ((Ga, Mn)As)).

1                   42.     The method of claim 41, wherein the concentration ratio of Ga to Mn  
2 in the epilayer is approximately 948 to 52.

1                   43.     The method of claim 41, wherein the concentration ratio of Ga to Mn  
2 is between approximately 100:1 and 100:8.

1                   44.     The method of claim 32, wherein the substrate is selected from the  
2 group consisting of GaAs and GaN.

1                   45.     The method of claim 44, the epilayer is selected from the group  
2 consisting of Mn doped GaAs and Mn doped GaN.

1                   46.     The method of claim 32, wherein the sample includes a buffer layer  
2 formed between the substrate and the epilayer.

1                   47.     The method of claim 32, wherein the substrate is a type III-V  
2 semiconductor.

1                   48.     The method of claim 47, wherein the epilayer is a type III-V  
2 semiconductor doped with Mn.

1                   49.     The composition of claim 1, wherein the substrate is a type III-V  
2 semiconductor.

1                   50.     The composition of claim 49, wherein the epilayer is a type III-V  
2 semiconductor doped with Mn.

1                   51.     The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate is a type III-V  
2 semiconductor.

1                   52.     The device of claim 51, wherein the epilayer is a type III-V  
2 semiconductor doped with Mn.